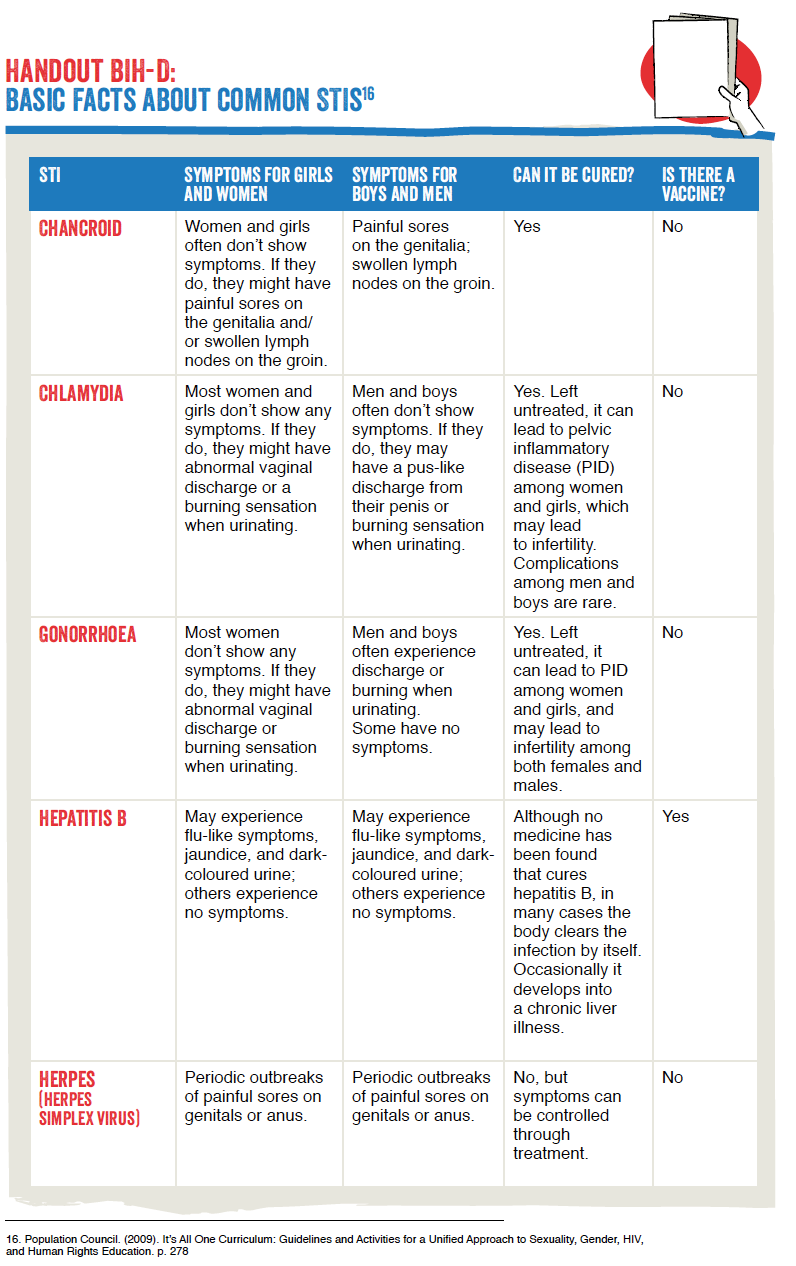
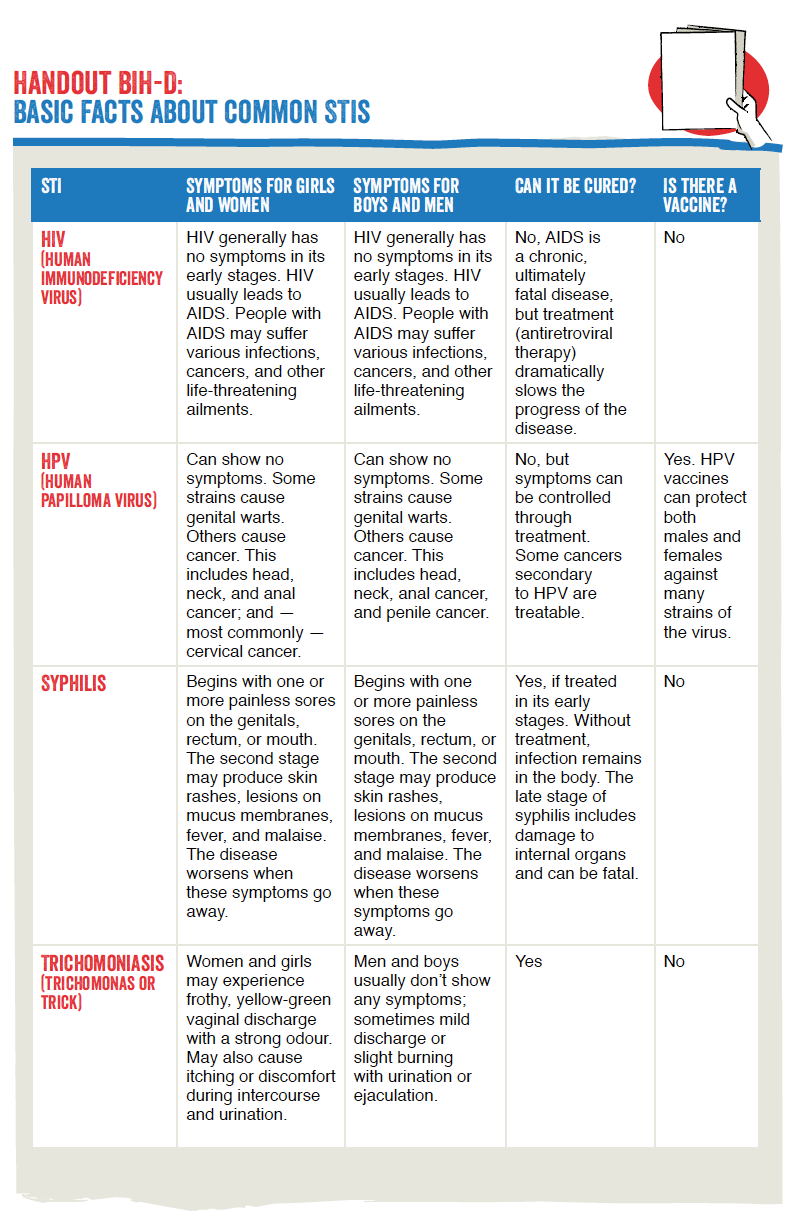
# Sexually transmitted infections

## Basic facts about common STIs

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## Treatment of STIs

**It is a good idea to go to a doctor if you think you have been exposed to an STI or when you have any of the following:**

**Girls:**

* You experience pain in your genitals or abdomen.
* You have an itching, burning or swelling in the genital area.
* You have a discharge that smells off, a white discharge with little lumps in it, or a discharge which changes colour and turns yellow, green, brown or is mixed with blood when you don’t have your period.
* You have spots, blisters or marks that hurt or itch.
* You can feel something hard inside the skin of your labia.
* You have had unprotected sex and think that you might be pregnant or have caught a sexually transmitted infection.
* You experience a lot of pain when you have your period, or other kinds of problems when you have your period.
* Your period suddenly stops.
* If you experience any complications from a pregnancy or heavy bleeding.

**Boys:**

* You experience pain in your genitals or abdomen.
* You have blisters on or around the penis that hurt or itch.
* You have spots on bumps on the penis.
* You have discharge (clear, white, or yellow).
* You have oozing from the tip of the penis (thick or thin).
* You have pain during urination.
* You have pain during ejaculation.
* You have itching on the tip of the penis.

**Note**: The basic facts on common STIs illustrations are from Plan International’s Champions of Change curriculum. The source for this information is: Population Council (2009). It’s All One Curriculum: Guidelines and Activities for a Unified Approach to Sexuality, gender, HIV, and Human Rights Education. p.278